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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINS, KS
SUBJECT: PROTESTANT YOUTH DEMONSTRATE IN CHONJU

1. RUMORS HAVE REACHED SEOUL THAT FROM 200 TO 500 YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING A RELIGIOUS TRAINING PROGRAM IN CHONJU ORGANIZED BY THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEMONSTRATED ON AUGUST 17. REPORTEDLY, THEY TRIED TO MARCH FROM THE SITE OF THEIR TRAINING COURSE TO PUBLICIZE THEIR CONDEMNATION OF THE APARTMENT SCANDAL AND THE SCANDAL INVOLVING FORMER DRP ASSEMBLYMAN SONG NAK-HYON. THE DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY CLASHED WITH POLICE WHO BLOCKED THEIR MARCH AND RETURNED TO A CHURCH WHERE THEY CONTINUED THEIR PROTEST INDOORS.

2. AS OF AUGUST 18, KNCC HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAD LITTLE HARD INFORMATION ON REPORTS. COMMISSION COULD CONFIRM THAT DEMONSTRATION HAD TAKEN PLACE AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN A CLASH WITH POLICE. COMMISSION HAD HEARD THAT POLICE HAD DETAINED 99 OF THE YOUTHS INVOLVED AND THAT SOME DEMONSTRATORS MAY HAVE BEEN INJURED IN THE CLASH. HOWEVER, COMMISSION HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY FIGURES OF DETAINEES OR INJURED INDEPENDENTLY AS YET.

3. EMBASSY CHECKING OTHER SOURCES FOR INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT AND WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.
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